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## OPA Daily Digest for 8/1/13

### Congressional Inquiries:

**Rep. John Shimkus (Ill.)** – 7/1/13: Rep. Shimkus requests a West Lake Landfill site visit. Due: 7/8/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 ([closed](#))

**Sen. Tom Harkin (Iowa)** – 7/22/13: Requesting status of a letter asking for clarification regarding the establishment of clean water act technology-based requirements for water treatment plants. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 ([closed](#))

**Sen. Chuck Grassley (Iowa)** – 7/25/13: Requesting clarification regarding EPA's stance on the establishment of clean water act technology-based requirements for water treatment plants. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 ([closed](#))

### State Government Inquiries:

None

### Press Inquiries:

None

### Environmental Stories:

**St. Louis American - EPA announces agreement to detoxify dormant site next to Boys & Girls Club** - 8/1/13 - By the end of the summer, the long-awaited \$40 million environmental cleanup of the former Carter Carburetor building in North St. Louis will be underway, officials announced Monday at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis, 2901 North Grand Ave., which is adjacent to the building.

[http://www.stlamerican.com/news/local\\_news/article\\_36f12bca-fa58-11e2-b755-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.stlamerican.com/news/local_news/article_36f12bca-fa58-11e2-b755-001a4bcf887a.html)

**Seymour Tribune - EPA says testing continues to ensure there is no public health risk associated with landfill** - 7/31/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency continues testing at a suburban St. Louis landfill where radioactive waste is buried.

<http://www.tribtown.com/view/story/e24207e253cc4ee59281970bf79450c7/MO--Bridgeton-Landfill>

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Residents near contaminated site have paid with their health** - 8/1/13 - I attended the announcement ceremony at the Carter Carburetor site on

Monday ("Carter Carburetor saga has winners and losers," July 29). I was thrilled at the announcement that something was finally being done to remove and clean up this area. But I disagreed with the statement made that the taxpayer would not have to pay for this cleanup.

[http://www.stltoday.com/news/opinion/mailbag/letters-to-the-editor/residents-near-contaminated-site-have-paid-with-their-health/article\\_91cf515b-6c51-52a3-89a3-5105ecbf9182.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/opinion/mailbag/letters-to-the-editor/residents-near-contaminated-site-have-paid-with-their-health/article_91cf515b-6c51-52a3-89a3-5105ecbf9182.html)

**Southeast Farm Press - Legislation would prevent EPA from releasing livestock producer information** - 8/1/13 - U.S. Sens. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa) and Joe Donnelly (D-Ind.) have introduced legislation that would prevent the Environmental Protection Agency from releasing the personal information of livestock producers.

<http://southeastfarmpress.com/livestock/legislation-would-prevent-epa-releasing-livestock-producer-information>

**AgriNews - Donnelly hopes bill will stop EPA farm data spills** - 8/1/13 - A bill introduced by a bipartisan team of senators would leash in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency from releasing confidential information about farm families.

<http://agrinews-pubs.com/Content/News/Latest-News/Article/Donnelly-hopes-bill-will-stop-EPA-farm-data-spills-/8/6/7920>

**Farmington Press - Stopping harmful EPA regulations** - 8/1/13 - Nothing kills a job faster than a Washington regulation. When I ask farm families, small business owners and municipal leaders which federal agency poses the greatest threat to rural Missouri, they always give the same answer, the EPA. President Obama's Environmental Protection Agency seems to be focused on killing jobs and hurting our district's rural economy.

[http://dailyjournalonline.com/farmington-press/news/opinion/editorial/stopping-harmful-epa-regulations/article\\_bfe38738-fabd-11e2-811d-001a4bcf887a.html](http://dailyjournalonline.com/farmington-press/news/opinion/editorial/stopping-harmful-epa-regulations/article_bfe38738-fabd-11e2-811d-001a4bcf887a.html)

**WDAF-TV - JoCo Health Dept. warns of high bacteria levels in drainage ditch** - 7/31/13 - The Johnson County Department of Health and Environment has issued a health advisory to residents living along a storm drainage ditch from just south of 97th Place and Ensley to the intake of Indian Creek at 104th Street in Leawood on Wednesday.

<http://fox4kc.com/2013/07/31/joco-health-dept-warns-of-high-bacteria-levels-in-drainage-ditch/>

**Switchboard - The House Record at Recess: Anti-health, anti-environment** - 8/1/13 - As Republican members of the House prepare to march out of town for the August recess, one can only say good riddance to a crew that in recent weeks has repeatedly, and across a broad front, voted to block, delay or weaken the safeguards that we all rely on the protect our health, our air and water, and our families.

[http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/sslesinger/as\\_republican\\_members\\_of\\_the.html](http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/sslesinger/as_republican_members_of_the.html)

**The Daily Dunklin Democrat - Senath to hold special election for \$1.6 lagoon replacement bond** - 8/1/13 - Senath residents will soon be voting on a \$1.6 million bond to pay for a new lagoon for the city. Senath Mayor Joe Lane says the system was deemed non-compliant by the Department of Natural Resources and has to be replaced.

<http://www.dddnews.com/story/1990619.html>

**Hays Post - KDHE Updated Warnings Concerning Blue-Green Algae** - 8/1/13 - The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) samples publicly accessible bodies of water for KDHEcyanobacteria, commonly called blue-green algae, when the agency is alerted to a potential algae bloom in Kansas lakes.

<http://www.hayspost.com/2013/08/01/kdhe-updated-warnings-concerning-blue-green-algae/>

**Journal Star - City may require garbage haulers to include recycling option** - 8/1/13 - Will the city be mandating recycling in the future? The answer depends on how you define mandate, Mayor Chris Beutler said during a Thursday news conference on the city's solid waste plan.

[http://journalstar.com/news/local/city-may-require-garbage-haulers-to-include-recycling-option/article\\_7af9cc10-377b-5aa5-b804-1a724ebe76a9.html](http://journalstar.com/news/local/city-may-require-garbage-haulers-to-include-recycling-option/article_7af9cc10-377b-5aa5-b804-1a724ebe76a9.html)

## Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

**Fact Sheets:**

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

**Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:**

\* New additions noted with an asterisk

**8/14-15/13** – Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Awards Ceremony, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

**8/27/13** – Visit Kickapoo Nation, Horton, Kan. Contact: Wolfgang Brandner, 7381

**9/13/13** – Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson, Kan. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

**DRA:**

None

**RA/Immediate Office**

None

**Other Events****AWMD**

**8/7/13** – Attending quarterly meeting with MDNR, Sedalia, Mo. Contact: Amy Bhesania, 7147.

**9/18/13** – Providing training to the Allergy Foundation of America, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Bob Dye, 7605.

**CNSL**

None

**ECO/EJ**

None

**ENSV**

None

**PLMG**

None

## **RA/OPA**

**\*8/6/13** – Present Federal Grant writing Training at Department of Transportation's regionally sponsored conference. Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Kathleen Fenton, 7874

**\*8/15/13** – Oronogo-Duenweg Mining Belt Superfund site public meeting, Joplin, Mo. Contact: Debbie Kring, 7725

## **SUPR**

**8/5 - 9/13** - Groundwater contamination investigation, Plating Inc Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

**8/12 - 16/13** - Groundwater contamination investigation and site-related meetings, Plating Inc. Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

**8/13-14/13** – EPA/DOD Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program and Environmental Security Technology Certification Program conference, Washington, DC. Contact: Clint Sperry, 7157

**8/19-8/23/13** - Groundwater contamination investigation, Plating Inc Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

**8/26-8/29/13** - Groundwater contamination investigation, Plating Inc Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

**8/28/13** – State of Missouri – Chem/Bio Functional Exercise, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Megan Schuette, 7630

## **WWPD**

**\*8/5/13** – 2013 National Area-Wide Optimization Program Meeting, Cincinnati, [Ohio](#). Contact: Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036

**\*8/5/13** - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, [Kan.](#) Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

**\*8/14-15/13** – Iowa Department of Natural Resources Public Water System Supervision Coordination meeting, Des Moines, [Iowa](#). Contact: Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036

**\*8/14/13** - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, [Kan.](#) Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

**\*8/19/13** - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, [Kan.](#) Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

**\*8/20-22/13** – Meet with WinnaVegas and Santee Sioux, Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products plans, Sloan, [Iowa](#) and Niobrara, [Neb.](#) Contact: Kimberly Willis, 7069

**\*8/26/13** – Missouri Department of Natural Resources Public Water System Supervision Coordination meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contacts: Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036, Carolyn Mitchell, 7187, Robert Dunlevy, 7798

**\*8/26/13** - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, [Kan.](#) Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

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